

my right arm that nine-tenths of all the capital and felonious crimes, perpetrated in the two Carolinas since the surrender, can be traced to members of the Radical Party! This you all know as well as I do. Hence we conscientiously believe that Radicalism, with its carpet-baggers, and scalawags, and Loyal Leaguers, and every other sort of disreputable supporters, is an open, overt, undoubted calamity—a huge, horrid vampire, with its blood-sucking tentacles clutching every community while its slimy folds rest upon the South, like a murderous Night-Mare, or miasmatic Pestilence paralyzing our people, draining our resources, destroying our hopes, and causing us already to look upon *Military rule* as infinitely better than the existing shams of authority. And, for these reasons, we deem it the binding duty of every Patriotic citizen to reject Radicalism in all its forms; and zealously endeavor to place the reins of government into the hands of intelligent and incorruptible white men—few of whom could long have anything to do with the Southern Radical leaders. Let it be understood, however, gentlemen—as I have repeatedly told you—when our Order performs an act of punishment it is done to the *man*, as an *offender*, as a *nuisance* in the community, not as a negro, or Republican. Crime must be punished among Democrats, as well as among Radicals. For instance, a written notification was sent to James A Mc— last week that if he continued to keep that negro woman as his mistress, in his own dwelling against the protest of his wife, he should be whipped once a week until he learned decency if not morality. He has sent her away.

3rd. We are all pledged to aid and assist one another in distress to the best of our ability. This, with the following clause—to take all women, widows and orphans, and their households under our especial care and protection—is the key-stone of the arch of our polity. Our order was originally